

Singularities for solutions to time dependent Schrödinger equations with sub-quadratic potential

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Abstract

In this article, we determine the wave front sets of solutions to time dependent Schrödinger equations with a sub-quadratic potential by using the representation of the Schrödinger evolution operator via wave packet transform (short time Fourier transform).

1 Introduction

In this article, we consider the following initial value problem of the time dependent Schrödinger equations,

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t u + \frac{1}{2}\Delta u - V(t, x)u = 0, & (t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $i = \sqrt{-1}$, $u : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\Delta = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2}$ and $V(t, x)$ is a real valued function.

We shall determine the wave front sets of solutions to the Schrödinger equations (1) with a sub-quadratic potential $V(t, x)$ by using the representation of the Schrödinger evolution operator introduced in [12] and [13] via the wave packet transform which is defined by A. Córdoba and C. Fefferman [1]. In particular, we determine the location of all the singularities of the solutions from the information of the initial data.

We assume the following assumption on $V(t, x)$.

Assumption 1.1. $V(t, x)$ is a real valued function in $C^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ and there exists a positive constant ρ such that $0 \leq \rho < 2$ and for all multi-indices α ,

$$|\partial_x^\alpha V(t, x)| \leq C(1 + |x|)^{\rho - |\alpha|}$$

holds for some $C > 0$ and for all $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$.

Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$ and $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$. We define the wave packet transform $W_\varphi f(x, \xi)$ of f with the wave packet generated by a function φ as follows:

$$W_\varphi f(x, \xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \overline{\varphi(y - x)} f(y) e^{-iy\xi} dy, \quad x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

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In the sequel, we call the function φ in the definition of wave packet transform *basic wave packet*. Wave packet transform is called short time Fourier transform in several literatures([8]).

In the previous paper [12], we give a representation of the Schrödinger evolution operator of a free particle, which is the following:

$$W_{\varphi^{(t)}} u(t, x, \xi) = e^{-\frac{i}{2}t|\xi|^2} W_{\varphi_0} u_0(x - \xi t, \xi), \quad (2)$$

where $\varphi^{(t)} = \varphi^{(t)}(x) = U_0(t)\varphi_0(x)$ with $U_0(t) = e^{i(t/2)\Delta}$, $\varphi_0(x) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$ and $W_{\varphi^{(t)}} u(t, x, \xi) = W_{\varphi^{(t)}(\cdot)}[u(t, \cdot)](x, \xi)$. In the following, we use this convention $W_{\varphi^{(t)}} u(t, x, \xi) = W_{\varphi^{(t)}(\cdot)}[u(t, \cdot)](x, \xi)$ for simplicity, if it is not possible to confuse.

In order to state our results precisely, we prepare several notations. Let b be a real number with $0 < b < 1$. For $\varphi_0(x) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we put $\varphi^{(t)}(x) = U_0(t)\varphi_0(x)$ with $U_0(t) = e^{i(t/2)\Delta}$, $(\varphi_0)_\lambda(x) = \lambda^{nb/2} \varphi_0(\lambda^b x)$ and $\varphi_\lambda^{(t)}(x) = U_0(t)(\varphi_0)_\lambda(x)$ for $\lambda \geq 1$. For $(x_0, \xi_0) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$, we call a subset $V = K \times \Gamma$ of \mathbb{R}^{2n} a conic neighborhood of (x_0, ξ_0) if K is a neighborhood of x_0 and Γ is a conic neighborhood of ξ_0 (i.e. $\xi \in \Gamma$ and $\alpha > 0$ implies $\alpha\xi \in \Gamma$). For $\lambda \geq 1$ and $(x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, let $x(s; t, x, \lambda\xi)$ and $\xi(s; t, x, \lambda\xi)$ be the solutions to

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(s) &= \xi(s), & x(t) &= x, \\ \dot{\xi}(s) &= -\nabla V(s, x(s)), & \xi(t) &= \lambda\xi. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The following theorem is our main result.

Theorem 1.2. *Assume Assumption 1.1. Take $b = \min(\frac{2-\rho}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$. Let $u_0(x) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u(t, x)$ be a solution of (1) in $C(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbb{R}^n))$. Then under the assumption 1.1, $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin WF(u(t, x))$ if and only if there exists a conic neighborhood $V = K \times \Gamma$ of (x_0, ξ_0) such that for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$, for all $a \geq 1$ and for all $\varphi_0(x) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$, there exists a constant $C_{N,a,\varphi_0} > 0$ satisfying*

$$|W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(-t)}} u_0(x(0; t, x, \lambda\xi), \xi(0; t, x, \lambda\xi))| \leq C_{N,a,\varphi_0} \lambda^{-N} \quad (4)$$

for $\lambda \geq 1$, $a^{-1} \leq |\xi| \leq a$ and $(x, \xi) \in V$.

Remark 1.3. $W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(-t)}} u_0(x, \xi)$ is the wave packet transform of $u_0(x)$ with a basic wave packet $\varphi_\lambda^{(-t)}(x)$. As previously stated, $\varphi_\lambda^{(-t)}(x)$ depends on b .

Remark 1.4. In [13], the authors investigate the wave front sets of solutions to Schrödinger equations of a free particle and a harmonic oscillator via the wave packet transformation. In [15], the authors give a partial result of the problem which is discussed in this paper by the aide of characterization of wave front set by G. B. Folland and T. Ōkaji. Characterization of wave front set is discussed in Section 2.

Remark 1.5. In one space dimension, if $V(t, x) = V(x)$ is super-quadratic in the sense that $V(x) \geq C(1 + |x|)^{2+\epsilon}$ with some $\epsilon > 0$, K. Yajima [23] shows that the fundamental solution of (1) has singularities everywhere.

Corollary 1.6. *Assume Assumption 1.1 with $\rho < 1$. Take $b = \min(\frac{1}{4}, 1 - \rho)$. Then $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin WF(u(t, x))$ if and only if there exists a conic neighborhood $V = K \times \Gamma$ of (x_0, ξ_0) such that for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$, for all $a \geq 1$ and for all $\varphi_0(x) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$, there exists a constant $C_{N,a,\varphi_0} > 0$ satisfying*

$$|W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(-t)}} u_0(x - \lambda t\xi, \lambda\xi)| \leq C_{N,a,\varphi_0} \lambda^{-N}$$

for $\lambda \geq 1$, $a^{-1} \leq |\xi| \leq a$ and $(x, \xi) \in V$.

The idea to classify the singularities of generalized functions “microlocally” has been introduced firstly by M. Sato, J. Bros and D. Iagolnitzer and L. Hörmander independently around 1970. Wave front set is introduced by L. Hörmander in 1970 (see [10]). It is proved in [11] that the wave front set of solutions to the linear hyperbolic equations of principal type propagates along the null bicharacteristics.

For Schrödinger equations, R. Lascar [16] has treated singularities of solutions microlocally first. He has introduced quasi-homogeneous wave front set and has shown that the quasi-homogeneous wave front set of solutions is invariant under the Hamilton-flow of Schrödinger equation on each plane $t = \text{constant}$. C. Parenti and F. Segala [21] and T. Sakurai [22] have treated the singularities of solutions to Schrödinger equations in the same way.

Since the Schrödinger operator $i\partial_t + \frac{1}{2}\Delta$ commutes $x + it\nabla$, the solutions become smooth for $t > 0$ if the initial data decay at infinity. W. Craig, T. Kappeler and W. Strauss [2] have treated this type of smoothing property microlocally. They have shown for a solution of (1) that for a point $x_0 \neq 0$ and a conic neighborhood Γ of x_0 , $\langle x \rangle^r u_0(x) \in L^2(\Gamma)$ implies $\langle \xi \rangle^r \hat{u}(t, \xi) \in L^2(\Gamma')$ for a conic neighborhood Γ' of ξ_0 and for $t \neq 0$, though they have considered more general operators. Several mathematicians have shown this kind of results for Schrödinger operators [4], [5], [17], [19], [20].

A. Hassell and J. Wunsch [9] and S. Nakamura [18] determine the wave front set of the solution by means of the initial data. Hassell and Wunsch have studied the singularities by using “scattering wave front set”. Nakamura has treated the problem in semi-classical way. He has shown that for a solution $u(t, x)$ of (1), $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin WF(u(t))$ if and only if there exists a C_0^∞ function $a(x, \xi)$ in \mathbb{R}^{2n} with $a(x_0, \xi_0) \neq 0$ such that $\|a(x + tD_x, hD_x)u_0\| = O(h^\infty)$ as $h \downarrow 0$. On the other hand, we use the wave packet transform instead of the pseudo-differential operators.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we introduce the definition of wave front set $WF(u)$ and give the characterization of wave front set in terms of wave packet transform.

Definition 2.1 (Wave front set). For $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we say $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin WF(f)$ if there exist a function $\chi(x)$ in $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $\chi(x_0) \neq 0$ and a conic neighborhood Γ of ξ_0 such that for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists a positive constant C_N satisfying

$$|\widehat{\chi f}(\xi)| \leq C_N(1 + |\xi|)^{-N}$$

for all $\xi \in \Gamma$.

To prove Theorem 1.2, we use the following characterization of the wave front set, which is given in [14]. For fixed b with $0 < b < 1$, we put $\varphi_\lambda(x) = \lambda^{nb/2}\varphi(\lambda^b x)$.

Proposition 2.2. *Let $(x_0, \xi_0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i) $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin WF(u)$
- (ii) *There exist $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$, a conic neighborhood V of (x_0, ξ_0) such that for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and for all $a \geq 1$ there exists a constant $C_{N,a} > 0$ satisfying*

$$|W_{\varphi_\lambda} f(x, \lambda\xi)| \leq C_{N,a} \lambda^{-N}$$

for $\lambda \geq 1$ and $(x, \xi) \in V$ with $a^{-1} \leq |\xi| \leq a$.

(iii) There exist a conic neighborhood V of (x_0, ξ_0) such that for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and for all $a \geq 1$ there exists a constant $C_{N,a} > 0$ satisfying

$$|W_{\varphi_\lambda} f(x, \lambda\xi)| \leq C_{N,a} \lambda^{-N}$$

for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$, $\lambda \geq 1$ and $(x, \xi) \in V$ with $a^{-1} \leq |\xi| \leq a$.

Remark 2.3. Characterization of wave front set by wave packet transform is firstly given by G. B. Folland [7]. Folland [7] has shown that the conclusion follows if the basic wave packet φ is an even and nonzero. function in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $b = 1/2$. P. Gérard [6] has shown (i) is equivalent to (ii) in Proposition 2.2 with basic wave packet $\varphi(x) = e^{-x^2}$ (Proof is also in J. M. Delort [3]). Ōkaji [19] has shown that if φ satisfies $\int x^\alpha \varphi(x) dx \neq 0$ for some multi-index α .

Remark 2.4. Folland [7] and Ōkaji [19] give the characterization for $b = 1/2$. In [14], we give the characterization for $b = 1/2$. Without any change of the proof, we can extend for $0 < b < 1$.

3 Proofs of Theorem 1.2 and Corollary 1.6

In this section, we prove Theorem 1.2 and Corollary 1.6.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. The initial value problem (1) is transformed by the wave packet transform to

$$\begin{cases} \left(i\partial_t + i\xi \cdot \nabla_x - i\nabla_x V(t, x) \cdot \nabla_\xi - \frac{1}{2}|\xi|^2 - \tilde{V}(t, x) \right) \times \\ W_{\varphi^{(t)}} u(t, x, \xi) = Ru(t, x, \xi), \\ W_{\varphi^{(0)}} u(0, x, \xi) = W_{\varphi_0} u_0(x, \xi), \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where $\tilde{V}(t, x) = V(t, x) - \nabla_x V(t, x) \cdot x$ and

$$\begin{aligned} Ru(t, x, \xi) &= \sum_{|\alpha|=2} \frac{1}{\alpha!} \int \overline{\varphi^{(t)}(y-x)} \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_0^1 \partial^\alpha V(t, x + \theta(y-x))(1-\theta) d\theta \right) (y-x)^\alpha u(t, y) e^{-i\xi y} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Solving (5), we have the integral equation

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\varphi^{(t)}} u(t, x, \xi) &= e^{-i \int_0^t \{ \frac{1}{2} |\xi(s; t, x, \xi)|^2 + \tilde{V}(s, x(s; t, x, \xi)) \} ds} W_{\varphi_0} u_0(x(0; t, x, \xi), \xi(0; t, x, \xi)) \\ &\quad - i \int_0^t e^{-i \int_s^t \{ \frac{1}{2} |\xi(s_1; t, x, \xi)|^2 + \tilde{V}(s_1, x(s_1; t, x, \xi)) \} ds_1} Ru(s, x(s; t, x, \xi), \xi(s; t, x, \xi)) ds, \end{aligned}$$

where $x(s; t, x, \xi)$ and $\xi(s; t, x, \xi)$ are the solutions of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(s) &= \xi(s), \quad x(t) = x, \\ \dot{\xi}(s) &= -\nabla_x V(s, x(s)), \quad \xi(t) = \xi. \end{cases}$$

For fixed t_0 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t-t_0)}} u(t, x(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \xi(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)) \\ &= e^{-i \int_0^t \{\frac{1}{2} |\xi(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)|^2 + \tilde{V}(s, x(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi))\} ds} W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(-t_0)}} u_0(x(0; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \xi(0; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)) \\ &- i \int_0^t e^{-i \int_s^t \{\frac{1}{2} |\xi(s_1; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)|^2 + \tilde{V}(s_1, x(s_1; t_0, x, \lambda\xi))\} ds_1} Ru(s, x(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \xi(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)) ds, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

substituting $(x(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \xi(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi))$ and $\varphi_\lambda^{(-t_0)}(x)$ for (x, ξ) and $\varphi_0(x)$ respectively. Here we use the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} x(s; t, x(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \xi(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)) &= x(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \\ \xi(s; t, x(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \xi(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)) &= \xi(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi) \end{aligned}$$

and $e^{\frac{i}{2}t\Delta} \varphi_\lambda^{(-t_0)}(x) = \varphi_\lambda^{(t-t_0)}(x)$.

We fix $a \geq 1$. Let $V = K \times \Gamma$ be a neighborhood of (x_0, ξ_0) satisfying (4) for $\lambda \geq 1$, $a^{-1} \leq |\xi| \leq a$ and $(x, \xi) \in V$. We only show the sufficiency here because the necessity is proved in the same way. To do so, we show that the following assertion $P(\sigma, \varphi_0)$ holds for all $\sigma \geq 0$ and for all $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$.

$P(\sigma, \varphi_0)$: “For $a \geq 1$ there exists a positive constant C_{σ, a, φ_0} such that

$$|W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t-t_0)}} u(t, x(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \xi(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi))| \leq C_{\sigma, a, \varphi_0} \lambda^{-\sigma} \quad (7)$$

for all $x \in K$, all $\xi \in \Gamma$ with $1/a \leq |\xi| \leq a$, all $\lambda \geq 1$ and $0 \leq t \leq t_0$. ”

In fact, taking $t = t_0$, we have $\varphi_\lambda^{(t_0-t_0)} = (\varphi_0)_\lambda$, $x(t_0; t_0, x, \lambda\xi) = x$ and $\xi(t_0; t_0, x, \lambda\xi) = \lambda\xi$. Hence from (7), we have immediately

$$|W_{(\varphi_0)_\lambda} u(t_0, x, \lambda\xi)| \leq C_{\sigma, a, \varphi_0} \lambda^{-\sigma}$$

for $\lambda \geq 1$, $x \in K$ and $\xi \in \Gamma$ with $1/a \leq |\xi| \leq a$. This and Proposition 2.2 show the sufficiency.

We write $x^* = x(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)$, $\xi^* = \xi(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)$, $t^* = s - t_0$ and $\varphi_\lambda(x) = (\varphi_0)_\lambda(x)$ for simple description.

We show by induction with respect to σ that $P(\sigma, \varphi_0)$ holds for all $\sigma \geq 0$ and for all $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$.

First we show that $P(0, \varphi_0)$ holds for all $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Since $u_0(x) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $u(t, x) \in C(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbb{R}^n))$. Schwarz's inequality and conservativity for L^2 norm of solutions of (1) show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t-t_0)}} u(t, x(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \lambda\xi(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi)) \right| \\ & \leq \int |\varphi_\lambda^{(t-t_0)}(y - x(t; t_0, x, \lambda\xi))| |u(t, y)| dy \\ & \leq \|\varphi_\lambda^{(t-t_0)}(\cdot)\|_{L^2} \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \\ & = \|\varphi_\lambda(\cdot)\|_{L^2} \|u_0(\cdot)\|_{L^2} = \|\varphi_0(\cdot)\|_{L^2} \|u_0(\cdot)\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $P(0, \varphi_0)$ holds.

Next we show that for fixed $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$, $P(\sigma + 2b, \varphi_0)$ holds under the assumption that $P(\sigma, \varphi_0)$ holds for all $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \{0\}$. To do so, it suffices to show that for fixed φ_0 , there exists a positive constant C_{a, φ_0} such that

$$|Ru(s, x(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi), \xi(s; t_0, x, \lambda\xi))| \leq C_{a, \varphi_0} \lambda^{-(\sigma+2b)} \quad (8)$$

for all $x \in K$, all $\xi \in \Gamma$ with $1/a \leq |\xi| \leq a$, all $\lambda \geq 1$ and $0 \leq s \leq t_0$, since the first term of the right hand side of (6) is estimated by the condition on u_0 .

Let L be an integer. Taylor's expansion of $V(s, y)$ yields that

$$\begin{aligned} Ru(s, x^*, \xi^*) &= \sum_{2 \leq |\alpha| \leq L-1} \frac{\partial_x^\alpha V(s, x^*)}{\alpha!} \int (y - x^*)^\alpha \overline{\varphi_\lambda^{(s-t_0)}(y - x^*)} u(s, y) e^{-iy\xi^*} dy + R_L, \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_L(s, x^*, \xi^*) &= L \sum_{|\alpha|=L} \frac{1}{\alpha!} \frac{1}{\|\varphi_0\|_{L^2}^2} \\ &\times \iint \left(\int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 \partial_x^\alpha V(s, x^* - \theta(x^* - y))(1 - \theta)^{L-1} d\theta \right) (y - x^*)^\alpha \right. \\ &\quad \times \overline{\varphi_\lambda^{(s-t_0)}(y - x^*)} \varphi_\lambda^{(s-t_0)}(y - z) e^{-iy(\xi^* - \eta)} dy \Big) W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(s-t_0)}} u(s, z, \eta) dz d\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Here we use the inversion formula of the wave packet transform

$$\frac{1}{\|\varphi\|_{L^2}^2} W_\varphi^{-1} W_\varphi f(x) = f(x),$$

where

$$W_\varphi^{-1} g(x) = \iint g(y, \xi) \varphi(y - x) e^{ix\xi} d\xi dy$$

for a smooth tempered function $g(y, \xi)$ on \mathbb{R}^{2n} .

The strategy for the proof of (8) is the following. In Step 1, taking $b = \frac{1}{4} \min(2 - \rho, 1)$ according to the value of ρ which is the order of increasing of $V(t, x)$ with respect to x in the assumption 1.1, we estimate the first term of the right hand side of (9). In Step 2, taking L sufficiently large according to the value of σ , we estimate the second term R_L of the right hand side of (9).

(Step1) We estimate the first term of the right hand side of (9). Let $U_0(t) = e^{\frac{i}{2}t\Delta}$. Since $xU_0(t) = U_0(t)(x - it\nabla)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (y - x^*)^\alpha \varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - x^*) &= U_0(t^*) [(y - x^* - it^* \nabla_y)^\alpha (\varphi_0)_\lambda] \\ &= \sum_{\beta + \gamma \leq \alpha} C_{\beta, \gamma} t^{*|\beta|} \lambda^{b(|\beta| - |\gamma|)} \varphi_\lambda^{(\beta, \gamma)}(t^*, y - x^*), \end{aligned}$$

where $\varphi^{(\beta, \gamma)}(x) = x^\gamma \partial_x^\beta \varphi_0(x)$ and $\varphi_\lambda^{(\beta, \gamma)}(t, x) = U_0(t) (\varphi^{(\beta, \gamma)})_\lambda(x)$. The assumption of induction yields that

$$\begin{aligned} &|(\text{The first term of the right hand side of (9)})| \\ &\leq \sum_{2 \leq |\alpha| \leq L-1} \sum_{\beta + \gamma = \alpha} \frac{1}{\alpha!} |\partial_x^\alpha V(s, x^*)| C_{\beta, \gamma} t^{*|\beta|} \lambda^{b(|\beta| - |\gamma|)} \left| W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(\beta, \gamma)}(t^*, x)} u(s, x^*, \xi^*) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{2 \leq |\alpha| \leq L-1} \sum_{\beta + \gamma = \alpha} \frac{1}{\alpha!} C(1 + |x^*|)^{\rho - |\alpha|} C_{\beta, \gamma} t^{*|\beta|} \lambda^{b(|\beta| - |\gamma|)} C \lambda^{-\sigma}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} x^* &= x(s; t_0, x, \lambda \xi) = x + \int_{t_0}^s \dot{x}(s_1) ds_1 \\ &= x + (s - t_0) \lambda \xi - \int_{t_0}^s (s - s_1) \nabla_x V(s_1, x(s_1)) ds_1, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

there exists a positive constant λ_0 such that

$$|x^*| \geq \frac{1}{2a} |t^*| \lambda \quad (11)$$

for all $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$, $\lambda^{-2b} \leq |t^*| \leq t_0$, $x \in K$ and $\xi \in \Gamma$ with $1/a \leq |\xi| \leq a$. (see Appendix A for the proof of (11)). Hence we have for $\lambda^{-2b} \leq |t^*| \leq t_0$

$$\begin{aligned} &|(\text{The first term of the right hand side of (9)})| \\ &\leq \sum_{2 \leq |\alpha| \leq L-1} \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} \frac{1}{\alpha!} C(1 + |t^*| \lambda)^{\rho-|\alpha|} C_{\beta,\gamma} t^{*|\beta|} \lambda^{b(|\beta|-|\gamma|)} C \lambda^{-\sigma} \\ &\leq C' \sum_{2 \leq |\alpha| \leq L-1} \left(\lambda^{\rho-|\alpha|+b|\alpha|} + \min(\lambda^{-1}, \lambda^{2-\rho}) + \lambda^{-2b} \right) \lambda^{-\sigma} \\ &\leq C'' \lambda^{-2b-\sigma}, \end{aligned}$$

since $2b = \frac{1}{2} \min(2 - \rho, 1)$. For $|t^*| < \lambda^{-2b}$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &|(\text{The first term of the right hand side of (9)})| \\ &\leq \sum_{2 \leq |\alpha| \leq L-1} \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} \frac{1}{\alpha!} C C_{\beta,\gamma} t^{*|\beta|} \lambda^{b(|\beta|-|\gamma|)} C \lambda^{-\sigma} \\ &\leq \sum_{2 \leq |\alpha| \leq L-1} \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} \frac{1}{\alpha!} C C_{\beta,\gamma} \lambda^{-b(|\beta|+|\gamma|)} C \lambda^{-\sigma} = C' \lambda^{-2b-\sigma}. \end{aligned}$$

(Step 2) We estimate R_L . Let ψ_1, ψ_2 be C^∞ function on \mathbb{R} satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1(s) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } s \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{for } s \geq 2, \end{cases} \\ \psi_2(s) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } s \leq 1, \\ 1 & \text{for } s \geq 2, \end{cases} \\ \psi_1(s) + \psi_2(s) &= 1 \quad \text{for all } s \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Take d with $0 < d < b$. Putting $V_\alpha(s, x^*, y) = \int_0^1 \partial_x^\alpha V(s, x^* - \theta(x^* - y))(1 - \theta)^{L-1} d\theta$ and

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\alpha,j}(s, x^*, \xi^*, \lambda) &= \iiint \psi_j \left(\frac{\lambda^d |y - x^*|}{1 + \lambda |t^*|} \right) V_\alpha(s, x^*, y) (y - x^*)^\alpha \\ &\quad \overline{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - x^*)} \varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - z) W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u(s, z, \eta) e^{-iy(\xi^* - \eta)} dz d\eta dy \end{aligned}$$

for $j = 1, 2$, we have

$$R_L(s, x^*, \xi^*, \lambda) = L \sum_{|\alpha|=L} \frac{1}{\alpha!} \frac{1}{\|\varphi_0\|_{L^2}^2} \sum_{j=1}^2 I_{\alpha,j}(s, x^*, \xi^*, \lambda). \quad (12)$$

We need to show that for $j = 1, 2$, there exists a positive constant C_{σ,a,φ_0} such that

$$|I_{\alpha,j}(s, x^*, \xi^*, \lambda)| \leq C_{\sigma,a,\varphi_0} \lambda^{-\sigma-2b} \quad (13)$$

for $\lambda \geq 1$, $x \in K$, $\xi \in \Gamma$ with $1/a \leq |\xi| \leq a$ and $0 \leq s \leq t_0$. For $I_{\alpha,1,1}$, integration by parts and the fact that $(1 - \Delta_y)e^{iy(\xi-\eta)} = (1 + |\xi - \eta|^2)e^{iy(\xi-\eta)}$ yield that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\alpha,1}(s, x^*, \xi^*, \lambda) &= \iiint (1 + |\xi - \eta|^2)^{-N} \\ &\times (1 - \Delta_y)^N \left[\overline{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}}(y - x^*) \varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - z) \psi_j \left(\frac{\lambda^d |y - x^*|}{1 + \lambda |t^*|} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times V_\alpha(s, x^*, y)(y - x^*)^\alpha \right] W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u(s, z, \eta) e^{-iy(\xi^* - \eta)} dy d\eta dz. \end{aligned}$$

We take d' with $0 < d' < d$. Since $|y - x^*| \leq 2(1 + \lambda |t^*|) \lambda^{-d}$ in the support of $\psi_1 \left(\frac{\lambda^d |y - x^*|}{1 + \lambda |t^*|} \right)$ with respect to y , the estimate (11) shows that for $|t^*| \geq \lambda^{d'-1}$ and $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ with some $\lambda_0 \geq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_x^\alpha V(s, x^* + \theta(y - x^*))| |(y - x^*)^\alpha| &\leq C(1 + |x^* + \theta(y - x^*)|)^{\rho-L} (1 + \lambda |t^*|)^L \lambda^{-dL} \\ &\leq C(1 + |x^*| - |y - x^*|)^{\rho-L} (1 + \lambda |t^*|)^L \lambda^{-dL} \\ &\leq C(1 + \lambda |t^*|)^{\rho} \lambda^{-dL}, \end{aligned}$$

from which we have

$$|I_{\alpha,1}(s, x^*, \xi^*, \lambda)| \leq C \lambda^{-dL} \lambda^l, \quad (14)$$

where l are positive numbers which are independent of L . For $|t^*| \leq \lambda^{d'-1}$, we have $|y - x^*| \leq C(1 + \lambda |t^*|) \lambda^{-d} \leq C \lambda^{1-d'+d-1} \leq C \lambda^{d-d'}$, which shows (14) for some l . Hence (13) with $j = 1$ holds if we take L sufficiently large.

Finally we estimate $I_{\alpha,2}$. Since $xU_0(t) = U_0(t)(x - it\nabla_x)$, $\partial_{x_j} U_0(t) = U_0(t)\partial_{x_j}$, $x\varphi_\lambda(x) = \lambda^{-b}(x\varphi)_\lambda(x)$ and $\nabla\varphi_\lambda(x) = \lambda^b(\nabla\varphi)_\lambda(x)$, we have for an integer M and a multi-index α

$$(1 + |x|^2)^M \partial_x^\alpha \varphi_\lambda^{(t)}(x) = U_0(t) [(1 + |x - it\nabla|^2)^M \partial_x^\alpha \varphi_{0,\lambda}(x)] \quad (15)$$

$$= U_0(t) \left[\sum_{|\beta+\gamma| \leq 2M} C_{\beta,\gamma} (\lambda^b t)^{|\gamma|} \lambda^{-b(|\beta| - |\alpha|)} (x^\beta \partial_x^\gamma \varphi_0)_\lambda \right] \quad (16)$$

$$\leq \sum_{|\beta+\gamma| \leq 2M} C_{\beta,\gamma} (\lambda^b t)^{|\gamma|} \lambda^{-b(|\beta| - |\alpha|)} U_0(t) [(x^\beta \partial_x^\gamma \varphi_0)_\lambda]. \quad (17)$$

Hence we have for $M, N \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |I_{\alpha,2}| \\
&= \left| \iiint \psi_2 \left(\frac{\lambda^d |y - x^*|}{1 + \lambda |t^*|} \right) V_\alpha(s, x^*, y) (y - x^*)^\alpha \overline{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - x^*)} \varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - z) W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u(s, z, \eta) e^{-iy(\xi^* - \eta)} dy \right| \\
&= \left| \iiint (1 + |y - x^*|^2)^{-M} (1 + |\eta - \xi^*|^2)^{-N} (1 + |y - x^*|^2)^M \right. \\
&\quad \times (1 - \triangle_y)^N \left[\psi_2 \left(\frac{\lambda^d |y - x^*|}{1 + \lambda |t^*|} \right) V_\alpha(s, x^*, y) (y - x^*)^\alpha \overline{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - x^*)} \varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - z) W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u(s, z, \eta) \right] \\
&\quad \left. \times e^{-iy(\xi^* - \eta)} dy \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{|\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_4| \leq 2N} \sum_{|\beta + \gamma| \leq 2M + |\alpha|} \sum_{\alpha'_3 \leq \alpha_3} C_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4, \beta, \gamma, \alpha'_3} (\lambda^b |t^*|)^{|\gamma|} \lambda^{b(|\alpha_1| - |\beta|)} \\
&\quad \times \left| \iiint (1 + |y - x^*|^2)^{-M} (1 + |\eta - \xi^*|^2)^{-N} \left[U_0(t^*) \left[(x^\beta \partial_y^{\alpha_1 + \gamma} \varphi_0)_\lambda \right] (y - x^*) \right] \right. \\
&\quad \times \left[U_0(t^*) \left[(\partial_y^{\alpha_3} \varphi_0)_\lambda \right] (y - z) \right] (1 + \lambda |t^*|)^{-|\alpha_3|} \lambda^{d|\alpha_3|} \left| \partial_{x^3}^{\alpha'_3} \psi_2 \right| \left| \partial_y^{\alpha_4} V_\alpha \right| \left| W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u(s, z, \eta) \right| dz d\eta dy \Big| \\
&\quad \text{Since } |y - x^*| \geq \lambda^{-d}(1 + \lambda |t^*|) \text{ in the support of } \psi_1(\lambda^{-d}|y - x^*|/(1 + |t^*|\lambda)), \text{ we have with} \\
&\quad M = m + n + 1 \text{ and } N = n + 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_{\alpha,2}| &\leq \sum_{|\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_4| \leq 2N} \sum_{|\beta + \gamma| \leq 2M + |\alpha|} \sum_{\alpha'_3 \leq \alpha_3} C(1 + \lambda^{-2d}(1 + \lambda |t^*|)^2)^{-m} \|(1 + |\cdot|^2)^{-n-1}\|_{L_y^2} \\
&\quad \times \|(1 + |\cdot|^2)^{-n-1}\|_{L_\eta^2} \|x^\beta \partial_y^{\alpha_1 + \gamma} \varphi_0\|_{L_y^2} \|\partial_z \varphi_0\|_{L_z^2} \times \|W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u(s, z, \eta)\|_{L_{z,\eta}^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

For $0 \leq t \leq \lambda^{-2b}$, we have

$$|I_{\alpha,2}| \leq C \lambda^{-Mb} \lambda^{b(n+1+L)} \lambda^{-\sigma} = C \lambda^{-b(M-n-1-L)+\sigma} \leq C \lambda^{-2b-\sigma},$$

if we take $M \geq n + 3 + L$. For $\lambda^{-2b} \leq t \leq t_0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_{\alpha,2}| &\leq C(1 + (\lambda^{1-d-2b})^2)^{-m} \lambda^{b(2M+2N+L)} \lambda^{-\sigma} \\
&\leq C \lambda^{-2m(1-d-2b)} \lambda^{b(2m+4(n+1)+L)} \lambda^{-\sigma} \\
&\leq C \lambda^{-2m(1-d-3b)} \lambda^{b(4(n+1)+L)} \lambda^{-\sigma}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $1 - d - 2b > 1 - 4b \geq 0$, we have $|I_{\alpha,2}| \leq C \lambda^{-2b-\sigma}$, if we take m sufficiently large. This shows (13) with $j = 2$ for $x \in K$, $\xi \in \Gamma$ with $1/a \leq |\xi| \leq a$ and $\lambda \geq 1$ and $0 \leq s \leq t_0$. \square

Proof of Corollary 1.6. (10) shows that

$$x(0; t, x, \lambda \xi) = x - \lambda t \xi + \delta_1(\lambda) \tag{18}$$

with $\delta_1(\lambda) = O(\lambda^{\rho-1})$. In the same way as for (18), we have

$$\xi(0; t, x, \lambda \xi) = \lambda \xi + \delta_2(\lambda) \tag{19}$$

with $\delta_2(\lambda) = O(\lambda^{\rho-1})$. We show that

$$W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u_0(x - \lambda t \xi + \delta_1(\lambda), \lambda \xi + \delta_2(\lambda)) = W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u_0(x - \lambda t \xi, \lambda \xi) + (\text{lower order term}). \tag{20}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u_0(x - \lambda t\xi + \delta_1(\lambda), \lambda\xi + \delta_2(\lambda)) \\ &= \int \varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - (x - \lambda\xi t + \delta_1(\lambda))) u_0(y) e^{-iy(\lambda\xi + \delta_2(\lambda))} dy. \end{aligned}$$

By Taylor's expansion, we have with an integer L

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - (x - \lambda\xi t + \delta_1(\lambda))) &= \varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - (x - \lambda\xi t)) \\ &+ \sum_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq L} \frac{1}{\alpha!} \partial_x^\alpha \left(\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}(y - (x - \lambda\xi t)) \right) (-\delta_1(\lambda))^\alpha \\ &+ \sum_{|\alpha|=L+1} \frac{1}{\alpha!} r_\alpha (-\delta_1(\lambda))^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

and

$$e^{-y(\lambda\xi + \delta_2(\lambda))} = e^{-y\lambda\xi} \left(1 + \sum_{1 \leq |\alpha|} \frac{1}{\alpha!} (-iy\delta_1(\lambda))^\alpha \right),$$

from which we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u_0(x - \lambda t\xi + \delta_1(\lambda), \lambda\xi + \delta_2(\lambda)) = \\ & W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u_0(x - \lambda t\xi, \lambda\xi) \\ &+ \sum_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq L} \sum_{1 \leq |\beta|} \lambda^{b|\alpha|} \frac{(-\delta_1)^\alpha}{\alpha!} \frac{(-\delta_2)^\beta}{\beta!} W_{(\partial_x^\alpha \varphi)_\lambda^{(t^*)}} [y^\beta u(y)](x - \lambda t\xi, \lambda\xi) \\ &+ \sum_{|\alpha|=L+1} \sum_{1 \leq |\beta|} \lambda^{b|\alpha|} \frac{(-\delta_1)^\alpha}{\alpha!} \frac{(-\delta_2)^\beta}{\beta!} \int R_\alpha y^\beta u(y) e^{-iy\lambda\xi} dy. \end{aligned}$$

This implies (20) with large L , since $|\delta_1(\lambda)|, |\delta_2(\lambda)| \leq \lambda^{\rho-1}$, $W_{(\partial_x^\alpha \varphi)_\lambda^{(t^*)}} [y^\beta u(y)](x - \lambda t\xi, \lambda\xi)$ is the same order of $W_{\varphi_\lambda^{(t^*)}} u_0(x - \lambda t\xi, \lambda\xi)$ with respect to λ and the order of $\int R_\alpha y^\beta u(y) e^{-iy\lambda\xi} dy$ with respect to λ is estimated above by some constant. \square

A Proof of the estimate (11)

In this appendix, we give the proof of the estimate (11). We fix p . We show the estimate (21) for $|t_0| \geq |t^*| \geq \lambda^{p-1}$, $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$, $x \in K$, $\xi \in \Gamma$ with $1/a \leq |\xi| \leq a$.

Proof. The equation (10) can be solved by Picard's iteration method. We put $x^{(0)}(s) = x + (s - t_0)\lambda\xi$ and we define

$$x^{(N+1)}(s) = x + (s - t_0)\lambda\xi - \int_{t_0}^s (s - s_1) \nabla_x V(s_1, x^{(N)}(s_1)) ds_1$$

for $N \geq 0$. Then we have the solution $x(s)$ of (10) as $x(s) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} x^{(N)}(s)$. We show that there exists a positive constant $\lambda_0 \geq 1$ such that

$$\frac{1}{2a} |t^*| \lambda \leq |x^{(N)}(s)| \leq 2a |t^*| \lambda, \quad (21)$$

for $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$, $\lambda^{p-1} \leq |t^*| \leq t_0$, $x \in K$ and $\xi \in \Gamma$ with $1/a \leq |\xi| \leq a$. We only treat the case that $1 \leq \rho < 2$. We show (21) by induction with respect to N .

Obviously (21) holds for $N = 0$.

Assuming that (21) holds for N , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|x^{(N+1)}(s)| &\geq |x + (s - t_0)\lambda\xi| - \left| \int_{t_0}^s |s - s_1| |\nabla_x V(s_1, x^{(N)}(s_1))| ds_1 \right| \\
&\geq |t^*|\lambda|\xi| - |x| - \int_s^{t_0} |s - s_1| C(1 + |x^{(N)}(s_1)|)^{\rho-1} ds_1 \\
&\geq |t^*|\lambda|\xi| - |x| - C \int_s^{t_0} |s - s_1| (1 + 2(|t_0 - s_1|\lambda|\xi|)^{\rho-1}) ds_1 \\
&\geq |t^*|\lambda|\xi| - |x| - C|t^*|^2 - C\lambda^{\rho-1}|\xi|^{\rho-1}|t^*|^{\rho+1} \\
&\geq |t^*|\lambda|\xi| \left(1 - \frac{|x|}{|t^*|\lambda|\xi|} - C \frac{|t_0|}{\lambda|\xi|} - C|t_0|^\rho \lambda^{\rho-2} |\xi|^{\rho-2} \right) \\
&\geq |t^*|\lambda|\xi| \left(1 - \frac{a|x|}{\lambda^p} - C \frac{a|t_0|}{\lambda} - C \frac{a^{2-\rho}|t_0|^\rho}{\lambda^{2-\rho}} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Since $p > 0$ and $2 - \rho > 0$, there exists a constant $\lambda_0 \geq 1$ such that

$$1 - \frac{a|x|}{\lambda^p} - C \frac{a|t_0|}{\lambda} - C \frac{a^{2-\rho}|t_0|^\rho}{\lambda^{2-\rho}} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

for $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$. Hence we have $|x^{(N+1)}(s)| \geq \frac{1}{2}|t^*|\lambda|\xi| \geq \frac{1}{2a}|t^*|\lambda$.

In the same way as above, we can show that

$$|x^{(N+1)}(s)| \leq 2|t^*|\lambda a$$

for $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$, $\lambda^{p-1} \leq |t^*| \leq t_0$, $x \in K$ and $\xi \in \Gamma$ with $1/a \leq |\xi| \leq a$, assuming that (21) holds for N . \square

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